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WASHINGTON--TWO SENATORS CALLED AGAIN TODAY FOR CREATION OF A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO KEEP TAB ON WHAT HE CALLED THE "UNCHECKED POWERS" OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

SEN. ERNEST GRUENING, D-ALASKA, TOLD THE SENATE HE WILL OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO CREATE SUCH A COMMITTEE, LONG ADVOCATED BY A NUMBER OF LAWMAKERS. SEN. WAYNE MORSE, D-ORE., SAID HE AGREED AND SAID "THE ALTERNATIVE IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CREEPING POLICE STATE IN THE UNITED STATES."

MORSE SAID: "THIS IS A CANCER THAT MUST BE REMOVED."

GRUENING, WHO READ INTO THE RECORD A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON THE ISSUE, SAID THE CIA HAS "GONE TOO LONG" WITHOUT REAL CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION. MORSE SAID SOME PEOPLE HAVE "ALIBIED IN THE PAST" THAT THE CIA IS ADEQUATELY WATCHED BY THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. BUT HE SAID SOME APPROPRIATIONS MEMBERS REPLY THAT "THIS NO CHECK AT ALL."

THE OREGONIAN SAID A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO "REQUEST EVERY BIT OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IT THINKS IT OUGHT TO HAVE" FROM THE CIA.

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